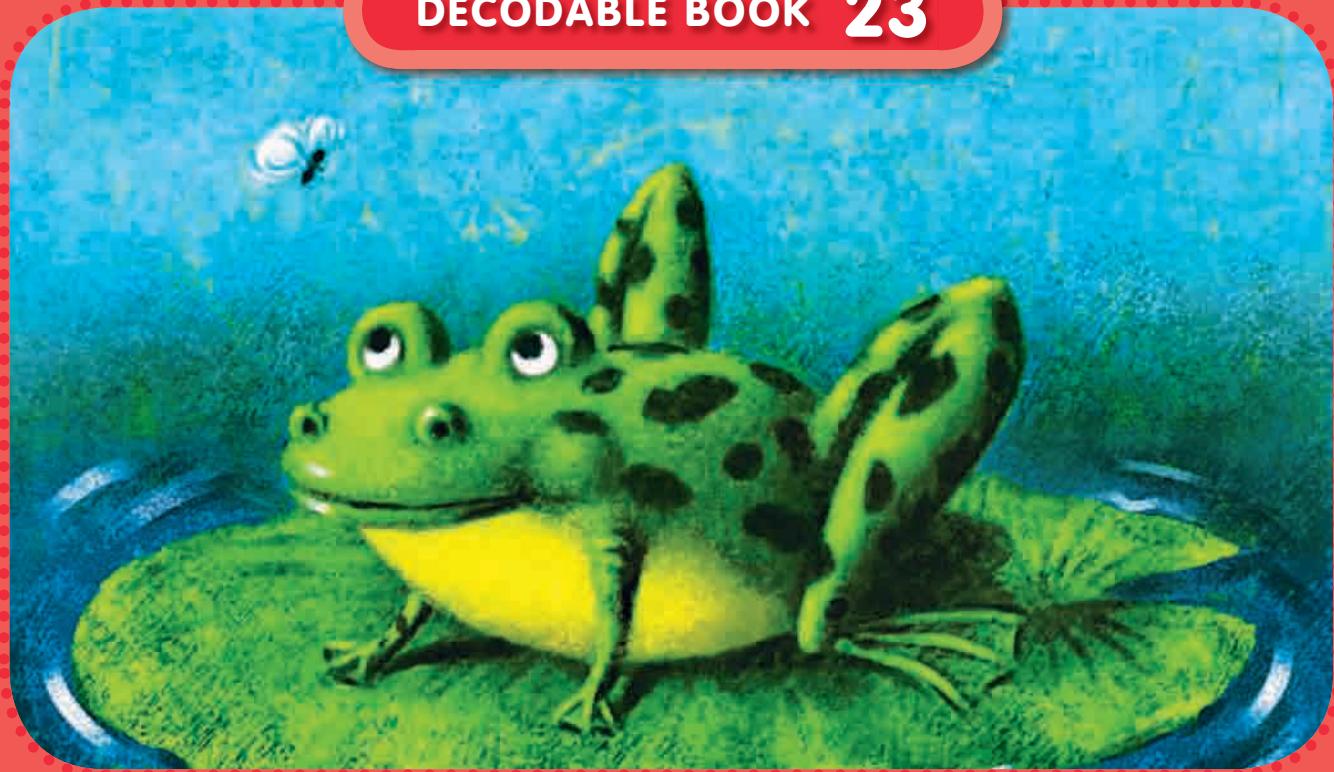


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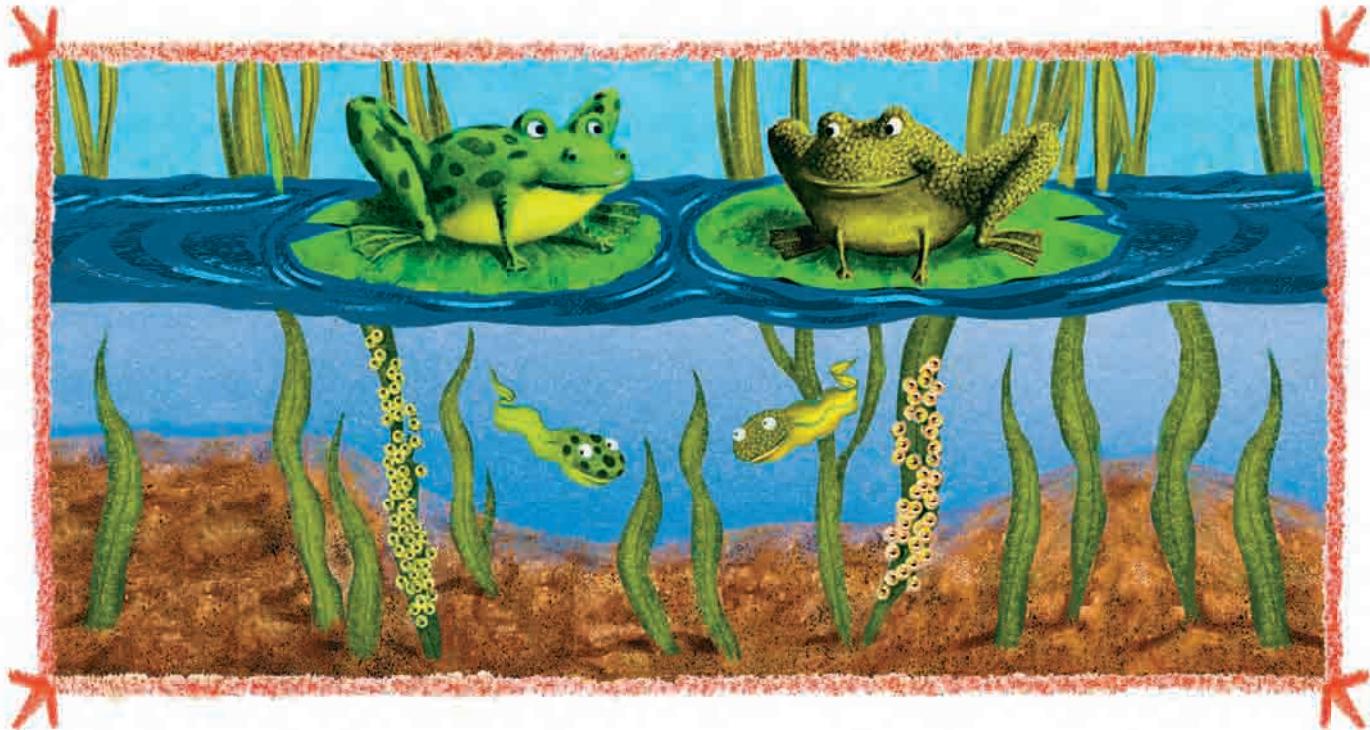
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Cole Frog and Jerome Toad became pals  
back when they were little tadpoles.



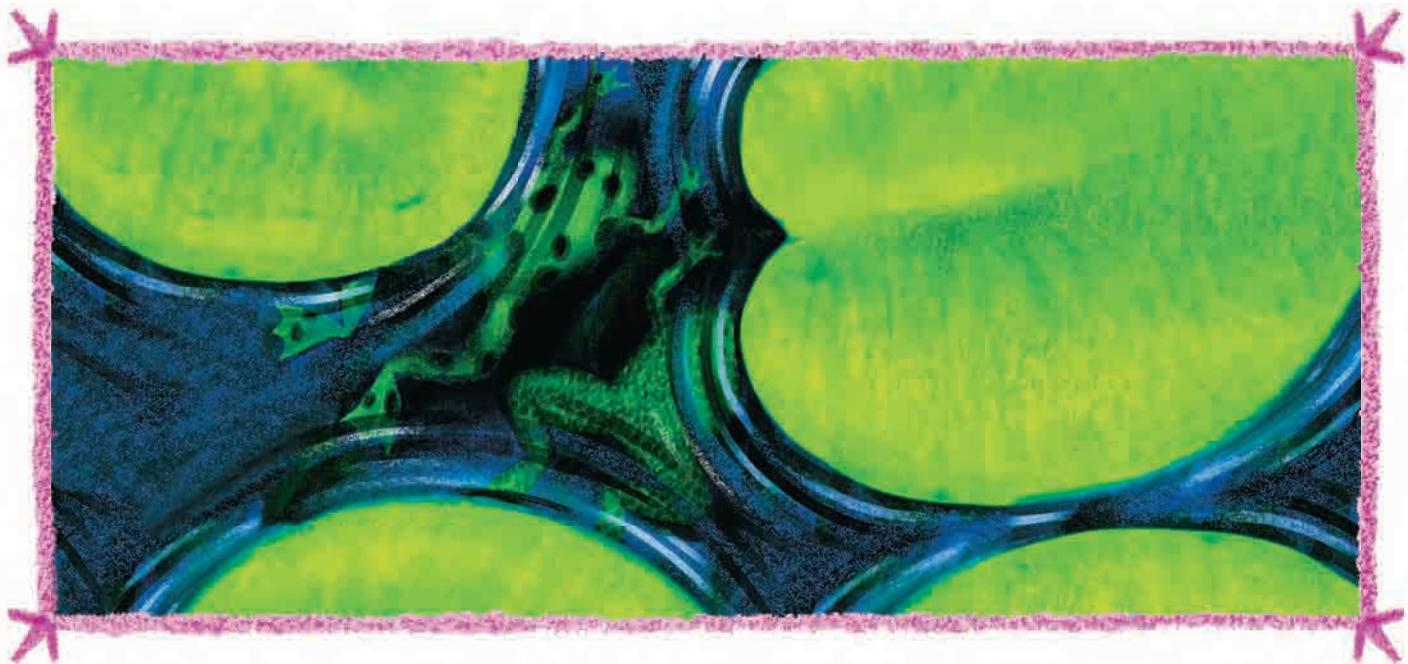
All tadpoles hatch from eggs. Those eggs are so small, they seem like dots.



Little tadpoles hatch out of the floating eggs. Cole and Jerome were hatched in the same cove.



One day, as the tadpoles dove away from a minnow seeking a meal, Cole and Jerome came nose to nose. They became pals then.



Note how much Cole and Jerome have grown! Cole has legs and so does Jerome. Gills became lungs. They no longer have tails.



Cole and Jerome eat the same meals of insects and slugs.



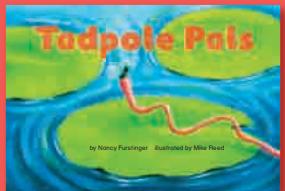
Plop! Plunk! Cole and Jerome jump in the cove to soak and croak out songs that are sweet and low — at least to them!

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Word Count: 128

High-Frequency Words	Decodable Words*				
are	a	dots	<b>Jerome</b>	<b>nose</b>	sweet
does	all	<b>dove</b>	jump	<b>note</b>	<b>tadpole</b>
from	and	eat	least	pals	<b>tadpoles</b>
have	as	eggs	legs	plop	tails
how	at	floating	like	plunk	that
no	away	Frog	little	same	the
of	back	gills	longer	seeking	them
one	became	grown	low	seem	then
out	came	has	lungs	slugs	<b>those</b>
so	<b>Cole</b>	hatch	meal	small	<b>Toad</b>
they	<b>cove</b>	hatched	meals	so	when
to	croak	in	minnow	soak	
were	day	insects	much	songs	

\*Words with /ō/o-e appear in **boldface** type.



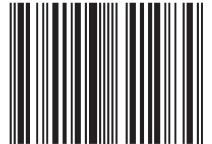
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